

## Bold Messengers

Passage	Precipitating event(s)	Bold message	Response	Outcome
2:2	Signs: sound of wind, tongues of fire, many languages praising God	Peter: "Men of Israel... Jesus... whom you delivered up... God raised... is Lord and Christ."  "Repent... be baptized..."	People <u>pierced to the heart</u> .  "Brethren, what shall we do?"	3000 souls received his word & were baptized. Believers devoted themselves to apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer.
3:1	Sign: lame man healed	Peter: "Men of Israel... God has glorified Jesus... in His name this man is healed." "Repent & return... sins wiped away..."	People saw the healed man and were <u>filled w/ wonder</u> .  Religious leaders disturbed b/c proclaiming resurrection in Jesus	Many believed. # of men now 5,000.  Religious leaders arrested Peter & John.
4:5	Priests examine Peter & John re healing of lame man.	Peter: "Rulers & elders of the people... in Jesus' name—whom you crucified—this man was healed."	Religious leaders <u>couldn't deny the "noteworthy miracle."</u>	Religious leaders ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.  Peter, John & companions prayed for boldness to speak the Word & for signs & wonders through Jesus. Place shaken. They were filled w/ the Holy Spirit and began to speak the Word w/ boldness.
5:12	Many signs & wonders through apostles. Multitudes believed. The # of believers constantly increasing.  Religious leaders filled w/ jealousy & arrested apostles.	Peter & apostles: "We must obey God rather than men... Jesus—whom you crucified—God raised & exalted as Prince & Savior. We are witnesses & so is the Holy Spirit."	Religious leaders: <u>enraged</u> & intended to kill them. Gamaliel intervenes.	Religious leaders had the apostles beaten & ordered them to speak no more in the name of Jesus.  Apostles rejoiced at being worthy to suffer shame for the Name. Kept right on teaching & preaching Jesus as Christ.